

**The only information the Review Committee has about your nominee is what you provide on and with this form. Please be THOROUGH!**

## COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY AWARD 2021 PARISH NOMINATION FORM

The **Companions on the Journey Award** is the highest adult recognition sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. It is given annually in the Diocese of Providence to **Catholic adults** who have been active members in parish, school, and/or diocesan activities for youth for at least **FIVE years**. The demonstrated criteria for this award are:

- Excellence in youth ministry
- Commitment to young people
- Outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level
- Commitment to on-going education and formation
- Longevity in ministry

*In the Diocese of Providence annually one award per deanery (or 12 overall in parish category) and one award per Catholic high school annually.*

ALL Nominations must be received at the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (OCYM) by: **Friday, February 12, 2021**

Awards presented: **LOCALLY** due to pandemic restrictions

**NOTE: All information must be completed and on time to be considered.**

**(All forms & more available electronically at [www.ymcyoprov.org](http://www.ymcyoprov.org))**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male

Nominee Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member to be notified if nominee will receive the award: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from Nominee): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOMINATOR:

- Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, and/or Parishioners.
- Multiple nominations for a person will be judged together.
- Answers to the essay questions listed on this form are the **ONLY** material used for judging. Please give specific examples and be thorough.
- Use the back of this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the person you are nominating. In order to assist the Review Committee, give as much information as possible.
- This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.
- Please have the **nominee's pastor sign and comment on the completed form**. *Nominations are to be treated as confidential*. Please **do not** inform the nominee, nominee's family, or members of the parish community of the nomination.
- You may call 401-278-4626 if you have any questions.

*But how can they call on him  
in whom they have not believed?  
And how can they believe in him  
of whom they have not heard?  
And how can they hear  
without someone to preach?  
And how can people preach  
unless they are sent?  
As it is written,  
How beautiful are the feet  
of those who bring (the) good news!*

Romans 10: 14-15



Mail or Fax your nominations to:  
**Office of Catholic Youth Ministry**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Providence, RI 02903-3695**

**Fax: (401) 278-4596**

[YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org)

1. Please indicate below who is nominating this adult. We understand that the person who may take care of filling the award nomination may have had input from others: (i.e. principal/teachers/campus ministers/staff members/pastor/priest chaplain etc.)

Nominator Role: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many years (approximations are acceptable) has the nominee been involved with or worked with Catholic youth? (A minimum of 5 years as an adult is required to be considered for this award.)

- 5 to 10 years                       21 to 30 years                       40+ years  
 11 to 20 years                       31 to 40 years                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the nominee employed in this role working with youth or are they a volunteer? (Please note: you will be able to easily share the details of our nominee's good work in questions #5-9 below.)

- Paid Position working with youth                       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Volunteer Position working with youth

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please note any of the **Community Service** activities you know that the Nominee serves/has served in.

Please give specific examples:

5. Please list all the **Parish activities** you know that the Nominee serves/has served in which demonstrates their commitment to ministry to and for youth as well as their Christian leadership skills.

Please give specific examples of the service the Nominee gives in the Parish:

6. Please note all Spiritual Disciplines you have witnessed that the Nominee practices regularly.

- Weekly Mass                       Rosary                       Annual Retreat  
 Daily Mass                       Regular Confession                       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daily Scripture                       Spiritual Direction

Please share what you know or have witnessed about the nominee's lived spirituality:

7. Describe the particular **Catholic virtues** that characterize this person.

- prayerful                       hospitable                       compassionate                       considerate  
 humble                       patient                       kind

Please give specific examples of how they live some of these virtues:

8. Please explain how this person you are nominating has been a **witness to his/her Catholic Faith in practice** and deeds. How do they make a difference in this community? In what specific ways have they made it better.

9. **If you could sum up your reason for nominating this person in only a few sentences what would you say?**  
(NOTE: Should your Nominee win, your response will be published in the annual Awards booklet. Space is limited—so no more than 100 words. Please note these may be edited for space reasons.)

Any additional information that you would like the review committee to know:

**Please see next page for required signatures.**

Every Pastor must be made aware of and approve every Nominee. **It is the Nominator's responsibility to obtain the Pastor's endorsement and signature and to submit it to the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry** via mail (One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903), fax (401)-278-4596 or a scanned copy sent electronically to [YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org)

Please note the Pastor's endorsement can also be made by a phone call to the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry at 401-278-3626 or an email to the above address.

**\*Required Signatures:**

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby endorse this nominee for the Companions on the Journey Award presented by the Diocese of Providence.

Nominee's Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish and City: \_\_\_\_\_

**VITAL:** Pastor Comments about the nominee:

\*Signatures may be faxed/mailed/emailed (scan in signature) to the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (fax: 401-278-4596)  
Mail: One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903  
Email: [YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org).

Please contact us with any questions/concerns.

**Once you have completed the nomination form please check to insure you have remembered to:**

- Complete every question thoroughly providing concrete, specific examples of how the nominee
  - inspires you and others as a Catholic Christian?
  - demonstrates moral integrity?
  - is involved in personal outreach and contributes to programs
  - exhibits Christian leadership
  - is involved beyond the school or parish
  - fulfills the criteria of the award
  
- Did you have nomination form signed by the nominee's pastor??? Please be certain NOT to ask the parish nominee to obtain that signature.
  
- Retain a copy of the nomination form for your records.
  
- Submit the form to the address listed on front page **no later than February 12, 2021.**

**Once the nomination is received at the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (OCYM) the following will take place.**

- All nomination forms will be screened for completion and criteria (Catholic, has not received similar award in the past - For God and Youth Award, pastor signature; length of years of nominee's involvement; etc.)
  
- All eligible nominations will be copied, forwarded and reviewed by the Review Board and ranked on a three point scale for each of the questions. The Review Board will meet and select recipients.

**For those who are chosen to receive the award the following will take place.**

- All those receiving awards will be notified by regular mail directly by the OCYM no later than March, 5, 2021. Detailed information as to procedure will be included in the notification indicated.
  
- All nominators, and pastors will also be notified no later than March 5, 2021. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically**. Nominators will also receive a copy of the recipient's notification letter. All nominators of recipients will be contacted to discuss plans for the location presentation.

**For those from either Category who are NOT chosen to receive the award the following will take place.**

- All nominators, and pastors will be notified no later than March 5, 2021. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically only**.